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RIDES FOR BAY AREA COMMUTERS, an experimental umbrella carpool plan, is undergoing a test run of its computer programs and questionnaire, using 15,000 employees at three Bay Area military facilities.

Carpool efforts have not enjoyed great success in the past. But because of the energy shortage, rising gasoline prices and the federal clean air guidelines, it seems helpful to make a start on a long-term program for the entire Bay Area. If the public responds, an increase from the present average of 1.2 persons per car to just 1.6 would take one of every five cars out of rush hour traffic.

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ABAG and other government, business and media organizations are spearheading "RIDES." ABAG will address-match key-punched information from commuters' questionnaires. Individual computer print-out matches will be distributed to carpool candidates, who may contact each other to form pools.

By mid-January, ABAG will staff a "RIDES" information telephone to handle inquiries from the public.

MTC/ABAG PACT SIGNED: Representatives of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and ABAG have signed a major pact involving a half-million dollar cooperative planning venture for the Bay Area. The agreement calls for ABAG's comprehensive regional plan to serve as a guide for MTC transportation plans.

MTC will contribute $175,000 which will be matched by funds from the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Department of Transportation to a total of $525,000. Shown signing the agreement are (l-r) Executive Directors Revan Tranter, (ABAG) and Paul Watt, (MTC).

MAPS AVAILABLE: As part of the USGS/HUD/ABAG San Francisco Bay Area Environment and Resources Planning Study, the following maps are available from the USGS Public Inquiries Office, 555 Battery, San Francisco 94111: (#60) Map Showing Evidence of Recent Fault Activity in the Vicinity of Antioch (MF-533, 1:24,000). This one sheet map shows historic tectonic movement on a previously unrecognized fault in northeastern Contra Costa County.
(#3) Erosional and Depositional Provinces and Sediment Transport in the South and Central Part of the San Francisco Bay Region (MF-515). Three sheets plus a text deal with the process of erosion, transportation and deposition of sediment and these processes' relation to man's activities.

LAND USE—THE KEY TO THE ENVIRONMENT . . . will be the subject of an all day seminar sponsored by the County Supervisors' Association of California for all local elected and appointed officials. This second in a three-part series of seminars is scheduled for Friday, January 4, 9:15 A.M. at the San Jose Hyatt House. Phone CSAC at (916) 441-4011 for more information.

COGS ARE NOW REPRESENTED . . . on the Executive Committee of the Managers' Division of the League of California Cities with the appointment of ABAG's Executive Director Revan Tranter. Mr. Tranter was also recently named to the Council of Governments Committee of the International City Management Association.

HOUSING NEEDS REPORT . . . recently published by ABAG has been approved by the Executive Committee to serve as a basis for the development of the regional housing plan

element. ABAG staff is working with local agencies who have commented on the report and is resolving any differences between regional and local figures.

WHAT'S RIGHT ABOUT CALIFORNIA PLANNING AND CONTROL: A VERY SHORT STORY . . . is the title of UCLA law professor Dr. Don Hagman's keynote speech at an all-day conference on State planning law. The conference, sponsored by ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, will be Friday, January 18 at the Hotel Claremont, Berkeley. Call ABAG's Department of Planning and Programming for agendas and registration forms at (415) 841-9730.

WORKSHOP ON WILLIAMSON ACT: The Regional Open Space Task Force will sponsor a half-day workshop on Friday, January 25, to discuss the Williamson Act's incentives for keeping land in agricultural or open space use. Assemblyman John Dunlap, Chairman of the Assembly Select Committee on Open Space Lands, will discuss amendments to the Act now being considered. He is seeking responses from local elected officials and other interested persons on how to integrate and coordinate the Act's provisions with local general plans. The workshop will be from 1:30 to 4:30 P.M. at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley.

OCEAN COASTLINE PLANNING COMMITTEE . . . has been reconstituted to review proposed amendments to ABAG's Coastline Plan adopted last July. Committee members include Councilman Lenard Grote (Pleasant Hill), Chairman; Supervisor Gary Giacomini (Marin); Mayor R. David Martin (Burlingame); Councilman Fred Mattei (Petaluma); Supervisor Dan McCorquodale (Santa Clara); Councilwoman Ilene Weinreb (Hayward); and a San Francisco supervisor yet to be named. The Committee will study reports from local coastal jurisdictions on the inconsistencies between local adopted plans and ABAG's Regional Coastline Plan and report back to the Executive Committee.

ROSE BLOOMS! The San Francisco Bay and Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta is about to become the proving ground for the first comprehensive vessel traffic control system in the country. The U. S. Coast Guard, Twelfth District, has issued proposed rules establishing vessel traffic regulations which follow the recommendations of the Regional Organization for Shipping and the Environment (ROSE) formed by ABAG and the Marine Exchange of San Francisco in 1971, following a collision and oil spill in the Bay. The ROSE recommendations were adopted by Bay Area cities and counties who supported passage of the enabling legislation under which the Coast Guard has proposed the new rules. These establish traffic separation lanes, areas for recreation craft, precautionary and limited traffic areas, and a radar and computer guided vessel movement and reporting system.

HON. RUSSELL TRAIN, Environmental Protection Agency administrator, agreed at a San Francisco briefing session last month to convene key federal officials to discuss federal financial support for the multipurpose Bay Delta Solid Waste Demonstration Project sponsored by ABAG.

ABAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO . . .

reviewed twenty-nine grant applications in the month of December.

assigned a review of the Regional Citizens Forum mechanism to the Regional Home Rule Goals Committee. A representative of HUD and other Executive Committee members, to be appointed by President Donald Dillon, will participate.

expressed appreciation to acting Director of Technical Services Peter Peel who is leaving after nine years on the ABAG staff.

okayed distribution of the '74-'75 Budget and Planning Program to members prior to Executive Committee action on it on January 17.

CURRENT CALENDAR

ABAG-MTC Joint Program and Policy Committee . . . . . Friday, January 11, 1:30 P.M.
Bay Delta Action Committee . . . . . Wednesday, January 16, 9:00 A.M.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee . . . . . .Wednesday, January 16, 4:00 P.M.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE . . . . . Thursday, January 17, 7:30 P.M.
State Planning Law Conference . . . . . .Friday, January 18, All Day
Regional Open Space Task Force . . . . . Thursday, January 24, 3:30 P.M.
ABAG Workshop on Williamson Act Revisions . . . . . Friday, January 25, 1:30 P.M.
Regional Housing Task Force . . . . . Thursday, January 31, 7:30 P.M.
Regional Planning Committee . . . . . .Wednesday, February 6, 3:30 P.M.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY . . . . . .Thursday, February 21, All Day

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NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF ABAG . . . are President Warren Boggess, Supervisor, Contra Costa County, and Vice President Lenard Grote, a Pleasant Hill Councilman. They were chosen in the first contested election in ABAG's 13-year history. Of the 500 supervisors, mayors and city councilmen eligible to vote, 444 cast ballots. Supervisor Boggess, ABAG's current vice president, is chairman of the ABAG/Metropolitan Transportation Commission Regional Airport Planning Committee and serves on the Bay Conservation Development Commission. Councilman Grote has served on Contra Costa's Local Agency Formation Commission for ten years and is on the North Central Coastal Conservation Commission. They will hold their new posts for two years from February 22.

ABAG GENERAL ASSEMBLY: Featured keynote speaker will be Professor Glenn Seaborg, Nobel laureate, Associate Director of the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and former chairman of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. His topic will be "Energy Supply: Can Technology Do It?". Luncheon speaker for the one-day meeting, to be held February 21 at the Regency Hyatt House, San Francisco, will be Vernon Sturgeon, President, California Public Utilities Commission. The theme, "Energy Needs—A New Criterion For Planning?", will include a panel discussion on planning for energy-efficient communities. Advance registration is $10, and after February 8, is $12 (includes lunch). For further information, contact the ABAG Public Affairs Department (415) 841-9730.

RIDES HOTLINE: Effective February 4, would-be carpoolers with questions regarding the "RIDES for Bay Area Commuters" program can call (415) 548-RIDE, a special phone staffed by the ABAG Public Affairs Department.

PROPOSED ABAG BUDGET: The Annual General Assembly will consider a FY 1974-75 budget totaling $1.6 million. This is barely 3% above expenditures approved a year ago. With the budget goes a recommendation for an assessment increase resulting from a 25% cutback in HUD 701 funding and rapid inflation. Dues have not been increased in the past two years. At present, local financial support for ABAG amounts to 7 cents per capita per year. The proposed increase would bring this figure to about 10 cents—still much less than the local funding received by other regional agencies in the Bay Area and across the country. Other regional agencies receive far greater local support such as the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District's 58 cents per capita, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's 30 cents and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency's 14 cents. The assessment method proposed by ABAG's Executive Committee involves a 25% assessment increase to the cities and a 65% increase for the counties.

Reflected in the proposed budget is the newly adopted concept of primary programs which will provide focus and direction. Primary program areas include the ABAG/MTC joint program, including data and modeling activities; the growth policy; land capability study; local area development planning; the Regional Information Center; and plan and project review. In addition, some programs have been consolidated or eliminated to facilitate better management and more coordinated planning.

"FINANCING OPEN SPACE . . . For the San Francisco Bay Region", a new ABAG report, examines potential sources of financing and acquisition plans which will implement parts of ABAG's regional open space plan. The report, which also analyzes frequently overlooked costs of operation and maintenance of open space lands, may be obtained through ABAG's Public Affairs Department, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, 94705 at a cost of $3.00.

ENERGY: WHERE, WHEN AND HOW MUCH? . . . is the subject of the second in a series of public discussions sponsored by three Regional Citizens Forum Issue Committees (Systems, Growth and Density, and Environmental Protection) on Thursday, February 7, 7:30 P.M. at the Police Auditorium, 455-7th, Oakland. Call ABAG's Public Affairs Office for information at (415) 841-9730.

NEARLY $302 MILLION . . . in total project costs, and $184 million, representing the state and federal share, was reviewed by ABAG under A-95 in 1973. This represents 426 project applications—down approximately 25% from the number reviewed in 1972. Bay Area jurisdictions are eligible for assistance funds in the areas of transportation, open space, and water quality because ABAG's comprehensive planning program meets federal requirements.

STATE PLANNING LAW CONFERENCE: There is a great need to reorganize local government and to redefine boundaries along socio-economic and geographic lines, according to Don Hagman, Professor of Law at UCLA, in an entertaining keynote presentation before 250 planners and public officials at the ABAG conference on State Planning Law held in Berkeley last month. Hagman expressed dismay that on-going concerns such as the problems of the poor are frequently lost in the shuffle as people climb aboard newer bandwagons such as the environmental crisis or the energy crunch. Other speakers said the State Planning Law should be discarded and California should start over again with a new approach; that environmental impact reports are diverting attention from planning and cause planning to be only environmentally oriented; and that the zoning consistency requirement may not be implementable in its present form. "Back to the drawing boards to revise State Planning Laws," sums up the conference.

BAY DELTA SOLID WASTE PROJECT . . . was endorsed by ABAG in January. When funding is obtained, management of the demonstration will be one part of a broad-gauged regional solid waste management planning effort aimed at helping counties meet state requirements for solid waste management plans.

1974 REGIONAL CALENDAR . . . and the ABAG 1973 Annual Report is in the mail to all *Bay View* recipients. Additional copies, in quantity, may be obtained by calling the Public Affairs Department, (415) 841-9730.

COUNCILMAN RICHARD BARTKE . . . of El Cerrito, has been appointed by the Secretary of the Interior to a 15-member Citizen's Advisory Commission for the newly created Golden Gate National Recreation Area. He was nominated for the post by ABAG.

JOB OPENINGS . . . from all cities and counties should be sent to the Department of Transportation's job placement center. Because of the energy crisis, CALTRANS employees from throughout the Bay Area will be seeking new employment. For more information, call (415) 557-0772.

FUEL ALLOCATIONS . . . is the subject of a meeting ABAG was asked to host in San Francisco in early February between John Sawhill, deputy administrator of the Federal Energy Office in Washington, and State and Federal officials and representatives of major local governments.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT V. BROWN . . . of Portola Valley will represent ABAG on the Bay Area Council's Energy Conservation Task Force.

1972 ECONOMIC CENSUS USER CONFERENCE . . . to be sponsored by ABAG, is scheduled for March 19, 1974. More information in the March *Bay View.*

ABAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO . . .

reviewed seven grant applications for the month of January.

approved a resolution supporting "RIDES", an umbrella carpool effort by ABAG and other government and business organizations.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT:	General	Fed. Projects	C.J.P.	Solid Waste Proj.
Cash Balance 9/30/73	$ 24,632	$ 4,566	$8,000	$10,516
Plus Receipts 10/1/73-12/31/73	385,480	220,659	851	55,000
Less Disbursements 10/1/73-12/31/73	393,186	215,261	8,851	64,923
Cash Balance 12/31/73	16,926	9,963	0	592
Additional Funds Invested		$65,000 as of 12/31/73		

CURRENT CALENDAR

Regional Planning Committee . . . . . Wednesday, February 6, 3:30 P.M.
Regional Citizens Forum, Energy II . . . . . Thursday, February 7, 7:30 P.M.
Regional Citizens Forum Coordinating Committee . . . . . Monday, February 11, 7:30 P.M.
Bay Delta Resource Recovery Demonstration Board . Wednesday, February 20, 9:30 A.M.
GENERAL ASSEMBLY . . . . . Thursday, February 21, **ALL DAY**
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee . . . . . Wednesday, February 27, 4:00 P.M.
Regional Open Space Task Force . . . . . Thursday, February 28, 3:30 P.M.
Regional Housing Task Force . . . . . Thursday, February 28, 7:30 P.M.

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BUDGET APPROVED: Major action taken by the ABAG General Assembly last month included overwhelming approval of the $1.6 million 1974-75 budget which is about 3% more than this year's budget. A new assessment schedule plus a by-laws change to permit a variable assessment schedule were also approved. ✪ Following debate on the method of apportioning the budget increase among cities and counties, a near-unanimous vote approved the recommendation of the Executive Committee for a 25% dues increase for cities and a 65% dues increase for counties. The dues raise, first in two years, is a result of a cutback in federal funding and rapid inflation. The membership fee remains unchanged at $120.

PITTSBURG WINS THE LIMELIGHT AWARD: Presented at ABAG's General Assembly, the award cites the City of Pittsburg for developing the most effective energy conservation program in the Bay Area. Pittsburg's energy-saving plan was designed by a citizens committee that involved all segments of the community of 25,000. All homes and apartments received packets of energy-saving suggestions followed by letters to businesses. ABAG planners computed the savings which could be realized if Pittsburg's energy plan was region-wide and discovered that they would equal a dramatic 7½ million barrels of oil or 10% of the gasoline used in Bay Area autos in one year. (Cont'd)

The Limelight Award, presented by ABAG President Donald Dillon, left, is accepted by Mayor of Pittsburg, Salvatore Calone.

LIMELIGHT AWARD (Cont'd) . . .

In addition to lowering thermostats, dimming lights, and skipping Christmas decorations, Pittsburg's measures include: 1. Adding energy conservation to the school curriculum; 2. Using church parking lots for assembly points for car pools; 3. Offering free classified ads in the Pittsburg newspapers for would-be carpoolers; 4. Holding a contest for the most imaginative energy-saving ideas with a bicycle, thermal underwear, and mittens for prizes; 5. Holding a second contest to reward the biggest monthly reduction in kilowatt hours as shown on P.G.&E. bills; 6. Distributing flyers on energy conservation in supermarkets; and 7. Planning a day-long energy conservation conference for northern California high school students.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS:

More than 300 people attending the ABAG General Assembly heard of future energy sources and the impact of energy needs on planning. Keynote speaker, Dr. Glenn Seaborg, Nobel laureate and former head of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, discussed six principal energy sources for the future and the technology necessary to make them available. He emphasized the need for extensive conservation measures but said we have not yet reached the point of no return where we have no options open. We need a "vigorous total energy program," he concluded, "that is technically aggressive, yet profoundly sensitive to the deepest values of man." ✪ A panel discussion on planning for energy-efficient communities concluded that we must educate the public that we are dealing with permanent changes in this energy crisis; that we must re-examine our travel priorities; and must get away from the low density syndrome and into the energy-saving, city-centered concept. ✪ Luncheon speaker Walter Cavagnaro, California Public Utilities Commission, stated that energy conservation measures appear to be working.

MAJOR ABAG STAFF APPOINTMENTS: Robert Goldman, program manager, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. and George Hagevik, a professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Policy Development, Rutgers University, will join ABAG's staff. ✪ Goldman, new Director of Technical Services, was previously a senior planner with Santa Clara County and a lecturer at San Jose State College. A native of Antioch, he has a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley, and has done graduate study in economics at San Francisco State College. ✪ Hagevik comes on board as chief of the Planning Department's Environmental Resources Division. He holds an M.A. in Geography from the University of Washington and M.R.P. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. He served for two years with the council of governments in Seattle. At Rutgers University, he taught courses in environmental planning and regional development and served as consultant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the states of New York and New Jersey. He is the author or co-author of several books and articles on the relationship between air pollution control and land use.

ABAG WINS AWARD: ABAG has been honored for outstanding environmental enhancement in the 5th annual Environmental Award Contest sponsored by the Bay Area Council. The citation states that ABAG has brought about "dramatic progress on the part of local elected officials in addressing themselves to regional problems." The awards jury considered tangible evidence from a number of local governments that ABAG's city-centered planning influence has been adopted as local policy for a significant portion of the Bay Area.

(L-R) Eugene E. Trefethen, Jr., Chairman, Bay Area Council; and Donald Dillon, President, ABAG. The large sculpture in the foreground is "Hand of Man," symbol of the award program.

ECONOMIC CENSUS USERS CONFERENCE . . . sponsored by ABAG for the Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, will be held Tuesday, March 19, 1974 at the Regency Hyatt House, San Francisco. The conference, one of ten being held across the U.S., is designed to provide researchers, statisticians, economists and planners from all levels of government, industry and business with detailed knowledge of the products and services available from the 1972 Economic Censuses. Vincent Barabba, Director of the Bureau of the Census in Washington, D.C., will welcome the conference. R. Gene Conatser, Vice President and Director of Economic Research for the Bank of America in San Francisco, will be the luncheon speaker.

In addition to Barabba, four high-ranking Census officials will participate. They are: Shirley Kallek, Chief, Economic Censuses and Survey Division; Milton Eisen, Chief, Construction Statistics Division; John Wikoff, Assistant Chief, Business Division; and Elmer Biles, Chief, Industrial Division. Other speakers include Mildred Bareis, President of the American Statistical Association and Senior Marketing Research Analyst for Crown Zellerbach Corporation; and Robert Arnold of the Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy, Palo Alto.

Registration for the day-long conference is $15 per person (including luncheon). For further information, contact the ABAG Public Affairs Department.

WATER QUALITY WORKSHOP: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board will hold a workshop March 5, 1974 to obtain public and local agency input into conceptual strategies in the development of a comprehensive water quality control plan for the San Francisco Bay Area. The workshop will be held in two sessions: 1-5 p.m. and 7-11 p.m., at the Alameda County Public Works Building Auditorium, 399 Elmhurst St., Hayward, CA. For further information, contact Mr. Griff Johnson, (415) 464-1255.

NEW FACE: Councilman Evert Heynneman (Sausalito) is the new alternate city representative from Marin County to the Executive Committee.

CURRENT CALENDAR

Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, March 6, 3:30 P.M.
Regional Citizens Forum Coordinating Committee	Thursday, March 7, 7:30 P.M.
Regional Citizens Forum Annual Convention	Saturday, March 9, 9:00 A.M.
Bay Delta Resource Recovery Demonstration Board	Wednesday, March 20, 9:30 A.M.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Thursday, March 21, 7:30 P.M.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee	Wednesday, March 27, 4:00 P.M.
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NEW PRESIDENT of the National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) is Californian Gene Gualco, (Supervisor, Sacramento) shown (r.) conferring with ABAG President Warren Boggess, (Supervisor, Contra Costa), (l.) at the Eighth Annual NARC Conference, held in Los Angeles. More than 1300 local officials from across the nation attended—a record number. Representing ABAG were President Boggess; Vice President Lenard Grote (Councilman, Pleasant Hill); Revan Tranter, Executive Director; and other staff members. ✪ The broad range of topics covered at the conference included emphasis on recent and forthcoming federal legislation and its effect on regional planning and service delivery. It was apparent that widespread support is developing nationwide for the use of COGs for state and federal planning services. Half the states of the Union—California COGs not included—now grant often considerable funds to support regional councils. California COGs will be meeting in San Diego in August to discuss, among other matters, such a funding possibility.

A HOUSING ALLOCATION SYSTEM . . . scheduled to become part of the Regional Housing Plan, due later this year, was presented to the Executive Committee by Councilman George Lowy (Pittsburg), co-chairperson of the Regional Housing Task Force, in March. ✪ An allocation system would provide a method for dividing whatever housing resources, such as state and federal housing subsidies, may become available. Six factors

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were considered as criteria for allocation: (1) housing need; (2) fiscal capacity; (3) proportional share; (4) equal share; (5) environmental quality; and (6) community patterns. The first two factors were given double weight because of their greater relevance to the issue, and a formula was developed to produce an average or composite rating for each locality. The ABAG study, "Estimate of Housing Needs for the San Francisco Bay Area," issued late last year, provided county and city need estimates for home owners and for renters.

✪ ABAG is considering two alternative allocation systems. One is called "region-to-locality" and the other "region-to-county-to-locality." The first method, utilizing direct allocation to communities according to need, would tend to spread resources more evenly over the region. The second method requires consideration of need by county and then by community within the county. This would tend to distribute resources more fully to central city areas and allocate a somewhat smaller portion to suburbs than under the first method.

✪ The key issue, however, according to ABAG staff, is whether the Bay Area should have a "fair share" goal as part of its regional housing policies. If such a goal is to be implemented, a decision is needed on what method is most desirable to reach this goal. Should differences among communities be magnified and reinforced by allocation policies? Should policies be used to generate new housing opportunities for moderate-income people in areas where minimal opportunities previously existed? For example, many local governments are now struggling with the problem of housing their middle-income employees such as teachers, police and fire personnel. For further information, contact ABAG's Housing and Community Development Division at (415) 841-9730.

OVER 275 RESEARCHERS . . . statisticians, economists and planners from industry, business and government attended a Census Users Conference in San Francisco, March 19, sponsored by ABAG for the Bureau of the Census. ✪ The conference, one of 12 to be held throughout the U.S., featured four high-ranking census officials who offered a variety of detailed information on the products and services available, in their areas of expertise, from the 1972 Economic Census. ✪ Vincent P. Barabba, Director of the Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C., welcomed the conference and discussed Bureau services to data users. ✪ Luncheon speaker R. Gene Conatser, Vice President and Director of Economic Research, Bank of America, spoke on "the U.S./California Economy: Outlook for 1974." Conatser predicted a general upturn in the economy with some increased unemployment in the auto and construction industries because of overproduction. He advocated a return to a free market with less "government intervention" than at present.

NEW TO ABAG COMMITTEES: *Finance and Personnel Subcommittee:* Jack Cavanagh (Vice Mayor, Petaluma), and William Royer (Supervisor, San Mateo); *Regional Planning Committee:* Joseph Bort (Supervisor, Alameda), Arthur Flegal (Councilman, Piedmont), Anthony Governale (Mayor, San Bruno), and Margaret Kovar (Councilwoman, Walnut Creek).

ABAG'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE recently endorsed the Areawide Health Facilities and Services Plan developed by the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council. Sections of the plan, approved by BACHPC and the State Health Planning Council and now endorsed by ABAG, constitute the official plan for health facilities and services for use at the areawide and state levels under the review authority of state statutes. The Facility and Services Plan's major objective is to make health services more accessible, available and acceptable. The Plan is built on the concept of preventive services on three levels: neighborhood/local; subregional (more sophisticated institutional and specialty services); and regional (limited in number, highly technical and costly services).

REGIONAL 701 ADMINISTRATION: ABAG's Executive Committee approved application for designation as the demonstration council of governments in an experiment to test COG administration of 701 planning funds within the area of the COG selected. If it receives legal authorization, the State of California Office of Planning and Research will take over administration of Federal 701 funds in California for fiscal year 1974-75. The State has indicated it wants to test decentralizing grant delivery and administration.

NEW ABAG APPOINTEES TO BCDC are: Albert Aramburu (Mayor, Tiburon) and Mary Henderson (Vice Mayor, Redwood City) with Susan Wilson (Councilwoman, San Jose) to act as alternate for Vice Mayor Henderson.

ABAG CITIZEN SERVICES: The Regional Home Rule Goals Committee recommendation for the 1974-75 Citizen Services Work Program, adopted by the Executive Committee, specifies that any citizen organization can apply for funds from a total allocation of $8000 in staff services and other aid. These funds may be used to set up conferences, workshops, seminars, and to produce various printed materials for education, opinion formulation and input projects. After July 1, 1974, ABAG will no longer provide organizational support for the Regional Citizens Forum, though RCF will be eligible to apply for funding like any other citizens' group. A seven member subcommittee of the Executive Committee, headed by Mayor James Balentine (Newark) will provide policy direction for ABAG's citizen participation activities.

MAPS AVAILABLE: As part of the USGS/HUD/ABAG San Francisco Bay Area Environment and Resources Planning Study, the following map is available from the USGS Public Inquiries office, 555 Battery, San Francisco, 94111: Interpretive Report 4, Flood Prone Areas in the San Francisco Bay Region (1:125,000). Three map sheets show areas in the Bay Region that may be inundated by 100-year floods. Text discusses 100-year floods and the compilation methods involved.

ABAG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO . . .

reviewed seventy-six grant applications in the month of March.

presented former Mayor R. David Martin (Burlingame) with a plaque for exceptional service. Mayor Martin had been a General Assembly Delegate since 1962, Chairman of the Special Advisory Committee on Financial Matters from 1968 to 1971, a member of the Executive Committee since 1970 and Chairman of the Finance Subcommittee, 1971-74.

approved a memorandum of agreement between ABAG and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency.

REGIONAL COASTLINE PLAN PUBLIC HEARING: ABAG will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 p.m., at the San Mateo City Council Chambers to obtain citizen response to amendments recommended by San Mateo County to the ABAG Ocean Coastline Plan and to minor changes recommended by ABAG staff.

CURRENT CALENDAR

Regional Planning Committee . . . . . Wednesday, April 3, 3:30 p.m.
Regional Citizens Forum Coordinating Committee . . . . . Monday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
Bay Delta Resource Recovery Demonstration Board . . . . . Wednesday, April 17, 9:30 a.m.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE . . . . . Thursday, April 18, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee . . . . . Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.
Regional Open Space Task Force . . . . . Thursday, April 25, 3:30 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee . . . . . Wednesday, May 1, 3:30 p.m.

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SOME HOT SPOTS OF DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITY in the Bay Area could be inconsistent with ABAG's adopted regional policies, according to an annual report by ABAG's planning and programming staff. Planning/Programming Director Rudolph Platzek identified the location of four major types of existing or proposed land use development activities with implications for ABAG's Regional Plan in an annual report on "hot spots" before the Executive Committee last month. He said that some spots may require regional agency review of environmental impact reports or grant applications. Although the Regional Plan is taking hold, continual review is necessary to insure its vitality.

The four types of "hot spots" of regional interest are major airports, regional shopping centers, major residential developments and developing corridors, Platzek said in the oral report. ✪ Regional issues involving *airports* such as San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland can result from residential encroachment, preventing those facilities from accommodating projected shares of aviation traffic and subjecting the adjacent homes to excessive noise. ✪ *Regional shopping centers,* depending on their location, tend to reinforce existing city centers or create pressures for new city centers of higher densities and with increased reliance on the automobile. ✪ *Major residential developments* fall into two categories: those adjacent to urban areas and those free-standing developments that might lead to new city centers and continue urban sprawl. Specific sites like Las Positas near Livermore and one near Lake Anderson in Santa Clara County illustrate trends that will be watched. ✪ *New urban corridors* could be formed in open valleys and along major transportation routes by development proposals that include small urban subdivisions, lot splits, large-lot zoning and second-home development. These activities can result in infilling along transportation routes and continuous urban bands.

Public projects such as dams and sewage plants may also be growth inducing. The impact of such public projects and transportation improvement alternatives must be assessed continuously in ABAG's review activities.

ABAG'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE adopted the suggestion of the Regional Ocean Coastline Planning Committee that ABAG and the North Central Coastal Commission negotiate an agreement that could include the commission's incorporation of the ABAG coastline plan in its own coastal planning for San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties. The aim is to assist the commission by providing regionwide information for the commission's planning process without duplicating the commission's work. ✪ A different approach is planned for San Mateo County, under the jurisdiction of the Central Coastal Commission. An agreement between ABAG and that commission is not imminent, and the ocean coastline committee will proceed with a hearing to obtain a broad response on inconsistencies between ABAG's coastal plan and the San Mateo County coastal plan element. ✪ The public hearing will be conducted Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 p.m., in the San Mateo City Council chambers.

DEVELOPMENT PLANS WITH REGIONAL IMPACTS in the future will be reviewed by ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, the Executive Committee decided last month. The Executive Committee decided not to intervene in the issue of a location for a regional shopping center in western Contra Costa County. San Pablo, Pinole and El Cerrito city officials had requested a reversal of the January decision not to conduct a review. Richmond officials have indicated that the shopping center is an "ongoing development rather than a proposed project." The Executive Committee said, however, that future regional shopping center plans and other development proposals are to be reviewed by the planning committee whenever an environmental impact report or grant application review indicates the project falls within the Environmental Protection Agency's guidelines for "indirect" sources of air pollution.

ABAG'S BAY DELTA SOLID WASTE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT was endorsed by the Western Federal Regional Council, which promised help in finding funding for the undertaking.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS of the eight Bay Area Local Agency Formation Commissions have been meeting informally but regularly to discuss mutual concerns such as the impact of new laws on LAFCO functions and how to reflect sphere-of-influence boundaries in tax assessment. ABAG staff members have reported to the directors on ABAG's growth policy, ways in which LAFCOs can coordinate city growth management, new approaches to the provision of utilities, and the activities of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District and the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency.

NEW TO ABAG COMMITTEES: *Citizen Services Subcommittee:* Councilman Richard Bartke (El Cerrito), Councilman Alfredo Garza (San Jose), Councilman Evert Heynneman (Sausalito), Supervisor James Kenny (Contra Costa), Supervisor Dan McCorquodale (Santa Clara) and Supervisor Ginny Simms (Napa); *Regional Home Rule Goals Committee:* Councilman Louise Giersch (Antioch) becomes new chairman, and Supervisor Marshall Sears (Napa) and Professor Victor Jones (University of California, Berkeley); *Open Space Task Force:* Councilwoman Susan Hone (Berkeley) and Supervisor Robert St. Clair (San Mateo); *ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee:* Mayor Don Dillon (Fremont) and Supervisor John Tuteur (Napa); *Ocean Coastline Planning Committee:* Councilman Lawrence Alleman (Half Moon Bay); and *Bay/Delta Resource Recovery Board:* Supervisor Joseph Bort (Alameda).

NEW ABAG APPOINTEE: Councilman John Cunningham (Vallejo), to act as alternate to Mayor Albert Aramburu (Tiburon), representing North Bay cities on the Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

MAPS AVAILABLE: As part of the USGS/HUD/ABAG San Francisco Bay Area Environment and Resources Planning Study, the following maps for the Basic Data Contribution series are available from the USGS Public Inquiries Office, 555 Battery St., San Francisco 94111:

(#61) Map Showing Areas Bordering the Southern Part of San Francisco Bay Where a High Water Table May Adversely Affect Land Use (MF-530, 1:125,000). One map sheet tells about the depth to the top of the water table, outlines problems that may develop when the water table approaches the land surface and identifies areas where ground water may cause problems to landowners.

(#62) San Francisco Bay Region Land Use Maps: Two Samples (1:62,500). Two map sheets of a set of 44 show 1970 land use by census tracts in the region. Fourteen land-use types are divided into three major groups: livelihood; residential; and open space and agricultural.

(#63) Isopleth Map of Landslide Deposits in the Southern San Francisco Bay Region (MF-550, 1:125,000). One map sheet is a contour map of the distribution of landslides in Alameda, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and the southern portions of Contra Costa and Marin Counties.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ALSO:
reviewed 37 grant applications in April.
approved the application by ABAG for a $250,000 demonstration grant from the Environmental Protection Agency. The grant would provide for the development of technical and coordinating links between land use, air quality and water quality planning.

APPLICATIONS FOR FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS for California Department of Transportation construction of two fringe parking lots to serve BART riders were endorsed by ABAG. One application is for a multi-level expansion of BART's Daly City parking facility; the other is for a 9.1-acre parking lot in Dublin for the AC Transit/BART express bus program. The two projects, totaling nearly $5 million, are among the first non-road-building projects that would be financed by the FHWA's interstate highway program.

CURRENT CALENDAR

ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, May 8, 1:45 p.m.
Regional Ocean Coastline Planning Committee	Wednesday, May 8, 8:00 p.m.
Bay/Delta Resource Recovery Board	Wednesday, May 15, 9:30 a.m.
Citizen Services Subcommittee	Thursday, May 16, 4:00 p.m.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Housing Task Force	Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Open Space Task Force	Thursday, May 23, 3:30 p.m.

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ABAG'S AWARD-WINNING OCEAN COASTLINE PLAN may accelerate Bay Area coastal planning. A draft agreement that would make ABAG's plan the framework for the North Central Coastal Commission's planning will be considered by the Commission at a public hearing June 13 in San Rafael. The draft agreement proposes that the Commission use ABAG's existing plan as the basis for the Commission's coastal planning in San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties. A report on the status of the proposed memorandum of agreement between ABAG and the Commission will be presented to the ABAG Executive Committee June 20. Also to be presented is a summary of comments offered at ABAG's San Mateo public hearing last month. ABAG Planning/Programming Director Rudolph Platzek said the Ocean Coastline Planning Committee will as a result of public comments at the hearing consider several approaches to implement the plan in San Mateo County. The Committee will recommend plan amendments in July.

The Ocean Coastline Plan, adopted in July 1973 by the ABAG Executive Committee, has been awarded a certificate of merit for planning excellence by the Northern section of the California chapter of the American Institute of Planners. The five-member AIP jury headed by San Francisco architect George T. Rockrise selected the coastline plan for its "outstanding contribution to planning for a better living environment."

Platzek, at right, adds the certificate to ABAG's growing collection of awards.

EXPANDED CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN PLANNING is expected to result from the new ABAG/Citizen Alliance Program. Two thousand application forms, a list of decision criteria and a summary and timetable of ABAG programs are being distributed by the Citizen Services Subcommittee. Under the program ABAG will help established citizen organizations hold public meetings, conferences, workshops, conventions and seminars; print information material; or assist with media presentations on issues of regional significance. Applications from citizen organizations are to be returned to ABAG by July 15. The Subcommittee will review each application based on criteria such as the proposal's educational benefit to citizens and its relationship to ABAG's regional planning program, and decide which organizations will receive ABAG assistance during 1974. "By January we will review the process and select new projects for the rest of the fiscal year," said Mayor James Balentine (Newark), the Subcommittee chairman. ABAG hopes the program will generate a broad range of education activities for citizens and encourage many diverse citizen viewpoints vital to ABAG's planning efforts.

NEW TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Councilman E. Bruce Ross (Tiburon), representing Marin County cities; Councilman Ned Robinson (Lafayette), representing Contra Costa County cities; and Deputy Mayor for Development John H. Tolan, Jr., representing San Francisco. Tolan had been San Francisco Mayor Joseph L. Alioto's alternate. Mayor Alioto's new alternate is Dean L. Macris, Director of Community Development, Office of the Mayor.

ABAG AND BAY AREA SEWAGE SERVICES AGENCY officials signed a memorandum of understanding defining the roles of both agencies in comprehensive general planning and water quality management planning. The agreement also provides a basis for additional agreements among ABAG, BASSA, the State Water Resources Control Board, the Regional Water Quality Boards and other public agencies. These agreements would further efforts to achieve efficient waste water treatment; to coordinate transport treatment and disposal of waste water; and to improve the review of financial assistance applications and environmental impacts.

Signing the agreement are ABAG President Warren Boggess, right, and BASSA President Norman Mineta.

ABAG'S PLANNING STAFF has been meeting with planners in each Bay Area county as the first step in developing guidelines for regional growth. Local government officials will be asked to make detailed responses on the current ABAG/MTC projections of population, jobs and land use as the second step in developing the guidelines, being prepared to implement a growth policy as recommended by the ABAG General Assembly in February. This summer the Regional Planning Committee will be asked to endorse the ABAG/MTC projections, noting instances where projections are different from those made by local officials. The Committee will also review economic issues related to growth. This fall the Committee and ABAG staff will enter the next phase—exploring growth choices for the region's future with local government officials.

ABAG OFFICIALS TESTIFIED last month in support of Assemblyman John Knox's AB 2040 to provide for a comprehensive planning agency for the Bay Area. The bill was discussed at a San Francisco public hearing before the Senate Committee on Local Government, and will be formally considered by the Committee this month. The bill, consolidating ABAG with other existing regional agencies, has already been approved by the Assembly.

ABAG President Warren Boggess' statement expressing support for creation of a truly comprehensive planning agency for the Bay Area was read by Vice President Lenard Grote, who also supported the measure. Boggess said he was concerned about the bill as printed, but is "optimistic" because of discussions between Knox and ABAG representatives that amendments will strengthen the bill. The changes, Boggess said, would provide a bill "to enhance our ability to preserve the heritage of this unique region, while at the same time assuring the strength, integrity and prerogatives of local government."

Grote recalled previous ABAG actions to provide for genuine comprehensive planning in the Bay Area. "Unless AB 2040 is passed," Grote declared, "there is no doubt in my mind that cohesive regional planning for the Bay Area will be done by the state and federal governments, and that even the kind of home rule we have today will be severely crippled."

BLOWOUT STALLS RIDES: An unexplained failure of the CALTRANS computer has been responsible for delaying the matching of thousands of names in the Bay Area's experimental carpool effort—RIDES for Bay Area Commuters. The second run—to match 21,500 commuters who answered RIDES questions—was to have been completed by May 15. During the first computer match, 84 per cent of more than 15,000 commuters were given compatible matches so carpools could be formed. Sponsors of RIDES hope to do as well during the second run. The steering committee is continuing to meet to develop a long-term carpool program to meet federal requirements and the energy crisis.

PROCEEDINGS AVAILABLE: The proceedings of the Conference on Community Development and Revenue Sharing, sponsored in November by ABAG and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials, are now ready for publication. They contain verbatim texts of the addresses, summaries of the 26 small-group discussions, texts of the resolutions adopted by the Conference and the strategy for supporting block grant legislation for housing and community development prepared by the ABAG-NAHRO Conference Planning Committee. Copies will be available at $2.00 from the Department of Public Affairs, ABAG, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley, CA 94705.

ABAG'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Revan Tranter, was recently appointed to the Staff Directors' Committee of the National Association of Regional Councils by NARC's President, to represent COGs in Arizona, California and Nevada.

CURRENT CALENDAR

ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee . . . . . Wednesday, June 5, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee . . . . . Wednesday, June 5, 3:00 p.m.
Regional Housing Task Force . . . . . Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m.
Ocean Coastline Planning Committee . . . . . Thursday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.
Bay/Delta Resource Recovery Board . . . . . Wednesday, June 19, 9:30 a.m.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE . . . . . Thursday, June 20, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee . . . . . Wednesday, June 26, 4:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee . . . . . Friday, June 28, 9:30 a.m.

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Executive Committee adopts interim regional review process

ABAG will broaden its review of development trends following adoption by the Executive Committee of a new method of assessing development proposals with a potentially significant impact on the region.

The new procedures for review of development projects with regional impact were devised by ABAG's Regional Planning Committee. The process, to be used through October 31 pending adoption of more formal procedures, means the Regional Planning Committee will be assigned review of all development proposals that involve:

- A contested interpretation of ABAG's Regional Plan.
- Potential conflicts or violations of the Plan.
- Amendments to the Plan.

Under the new procedures, the Regional Planning Committee chairman would appoint a three-member hearing board to determine whether a review by ABAG should be undertaken.

A proposal — such as a shopping center or housing development — would be brought before the board at the request of a local government, ABAG's committees or ABAG staff.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the board will determine if a review is necessary because the proposal is regionally significant and potentially conflicts with the objectives and policies of the Regional Plan.

The Executive Committee would then be asked to approve the recommendation that a review be conducted. Staff comments and recommendations would be made to the Regional Planning Committee and the Executive Committee for approval.

Final ABAG recommendations on a reviewed proposal would be sent to all public agencies with direct responsibility for deciding the proposal's future.

The procedures do not change ABAG's review process for applications for federal assistance. ABAG reviews and comments on applications from local jurisdictions for about 150 federal assistance programs.

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Legislation

Planning bills are opposed

A bill to establish air pollution emission limits through a review by the Bay Area Pollution Control District of local general plans for their "air pollution potential" was opposed by the Executive Committee. ABAG said SB 1543, authored by Senator John Nejedly of Contra Costa County, uses only one criterion for land use planning. The committee also opposed any legislative attempt to implement the general concepts of a report by Legislative Analyst A. Alan Post as they relate to regional planning and control. Post recommended creation of a Resources Conservation Board and eight regional boards of five members each appointed by the Governor. This approach involves the State in land use and environmental matters — traditionally the responsibility of local and existing regional agencies — to an extent that has never before been suggested.

Four named to committees

President Warren Boggess named four local elected officials to ABAG committees last month, and their appointments were confirmed by the Executive Committee. Succeeding Boggess on the ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee is Mayor Sanford Skaggs of Walnut Creek. San Jose City Councilwoman Susanne B. Wilson was named to the Regional Planning Committee, succeeding former San Jose City Planning Director Sanford Getreu. Councilwoman Mary Henderson of Redwood City was named to the ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee. Councilman Daniel T. Ruggles of Sonoma was appointed to the Open Space Task Force, succeeding Sonoma County Supervisor Bob Theiller.

Water quality maps published

As part of the USGS/HUD/ABAG San Francisco Bay Area Environment and Resources Planning Study, the following materials are available from the USGS Public Inquiries Office, 555 Battery St., San Francisco 94111: Interpretive Report No. 5: Availability of Data on Surface-Water Quantity and Quality for the San Francisco Bay Region (MF-526, 1:250,000). Two pamphlets and one map sheet give an overview of surface-water resources, discuss water quality criteria and important pollutants in relation to the water quality recommended by beneficial uses, outline objectives of the California Water Quality Control Board and give examples of problems requiring policy decisions.

Coastline update

The Executive Committee will consider amendments to ABAG's Ocean Coastline Plan involving San Mateo County at a public hearing next month. Rejecting recommendations of the Ocean Coastline Planning Committee, the Executive Committee extended the amendment process by only one month, and said it will consider San Mateo County's amendments on coastal highway issues at its August 15 meeting. ABAG will discuss methods for implementing the amended plan with the Central Coastal Commission.

Solid waste report available

A summary of the Solid Waste Management Implementation Project report is available at $1.50 from ABAG's Public Affairs Department. The report's three volumes are $2.50 each. Volume I, which includes the summary, is the future plan for the proposed Bay Delta Resource Recovery Demonstration Project. Volume II is an environmental evaluation; and Volume III is a technical report on levee stabilization and composting.

Work program is approved

A three-year work program for ABAG was approved by the Executive Committee last month. The program emphasizes the continuation of ABAG's planning for regional policies in community development, environmental resources, human services and growth. Also included are new programs for land capability analysis, regional information systems and population projections. The program is described in a document prepared jointly by ABAG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and District Four of the California Department of Transportation.

ABAG readies housing policies

The Executive Committee has extended the Regional Housing Task Force until September, when the Task Force will present its Preliminary Regional Housing Plan to the Regional Planning Committee and the Executive Committee. The Housing Plan will review housing issues and problems and a set of goals and policies for ABAG. Recommendations will also be made in September on ways to conduct the Regional Housing Plan review and adoption process.

ABAG to start hazard study

ABAG will begin development of a regional information and planning system covering a variety of natural and man-made disasters. The Defense Civil Preparedness Agency has awarded ABAG a $30,000 contract to establish the system. ABAG will collect information on the frequency and magnitude of disasters such as airplane crashes, earthquakes, extreme air and noise pollution, fires, floods, landslides, nuclear attack, oil spills and the release of hazardous chemicals or nuclear materials. ABAG will also analyze existing community shelter plans, and develop formulas so local officials can make more effective preparations for disasters likely in their jurisdictions.

We're getting calls about the National Flood Insurance Program. If you have questions, call toll-free (800) 424-8872-3 between 8:45 a.m. and 5:15 p.m. EDT.

Committee okays grant requests

The Executive Committee removed conditions recommended by staff for one major grant application, but approved suggested conditions for another. The Committee approved a $1.6 million application to improve Napa County Airport without specifying the airport's commercial aviation role. The Committee approved a $65,000 housing planning grant for the City of Alameda, but agreed that the city should develop a housing elemen as the first step in revising the city general plan. Alameda is preparing to adopt a new housing element in the general plan, city officials reported.

The Executive Committee also:

reviewed 123 grant applications during May.

authorized for the third consecutive year the joint planning program between ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

approved an agreement with the North Central Coastal Commission to use ABAG's Ocean Coastline Plan as the Commission's planning base for San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

approved application by ABAG to help determine intergovernmental roles in planning and management of human services programs. The project would be funded by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY of how older citizens live has been completed by the Senior Coordinating Council of the Palo Alto Area. The 288-page report deals with issues such as health, housing, transportation, employment, social relationships and finances in the lives of older citizens. The study is available at $12.50 from the Council at P.O. Box 11356, Station A, Palo Alto, CA 94306.

CURRENT CALENDAR

Ocean Coastline Planning Committee ..... Thursday, July 18, 2:00 p.m.
Citizen Services Subcommittee ..... Thursday, July 18, 4:00 p.m.
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ..... Thursday, July 18, 7:30 p.m.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee ..... Wednesday, July 24, 4:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee ..... Thursday, July 31, 9:30 a.m.

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Executive Committee to consider amending Ocean Coastline Plan

Amendments to ABAG's Regional Ocean Coastline Plan dealing with San Mateo County coastal highway issues will be considered at a public hearing before the Executive Committee this month.

San Mateo County has asked ABAG to amend the plan to make it consistent with existing county policies. Specifically, the county proposes that capacities of Highways 1 and 92 be allowed to expand.

Both the ABAG plan and the county plan agree that the highways should be improved to make them safer. The ABAG plan provides that highway capacities should not be significantly increased for automobile traffic because it would encourage extensive urban development along the coastline. ABAG's plan also recommends exploration of public transportation alternatives before major highway improvements are undertaken.

The Ocean Coastline Planning Committee has recommended that an interagency study be conducted of highway needs linked to the coastal area's capacity for recreation and population.

San Mateo County's plans and policies, however, reflect the view that the coastal highways' capacities have been exceeded already and that extensive developments along the coast would be discouraged by local land use regulations.

The public hearing will be held during the August 15 Executive Committee meeting, which begins at 7:00 P.M. Those wishing to testify should call ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

ABAG to start innovative study

ABAG will undertake major applied research in Sonoma County to demonstrate ways to link land use planning with air and water quality goals. Financed by a $250,000 grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, the 18-month study will test the impact of land use controls on air and water pollution sources and the types of air and water quality standards that can be reflected in land use plans.

Land use planning procedures to implement air and water quality management policies will also be reviewed, as will ways to incorporate air and water quality standards in the land use decision process. The ABAG study will involve federal, state and other regional agencies and Sonoma County local officials. The study is to coincide with work on Sonoma County's general plan and city general plans in the county.

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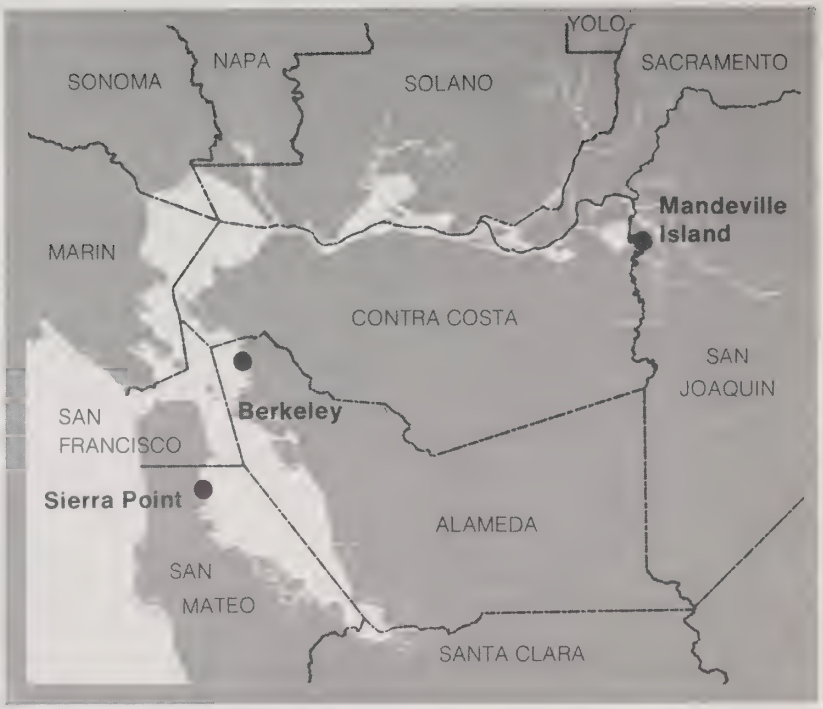
Bay Delta solid waste project receives state support

$2.3 million appropriated for island experiment



A $2.3 million appropriation to help finance the Bay Delta Resource Recovery Demonstration Project was approved by the State Legislature and Governor Reagan last month. ABAG is now working to secure federal and local funding for the $6.9 million project.

Assemblyman Willie Brown of San Francisco, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, was instrumental in securing state funding for the Bay Delta project by inserting the project in the committee's budget. Also very helpful in making sure state funds were included in the final version of the budget were Assemblyman Edwin Z'berg of Sacramento and Senators Nicholas Petris of Oakland, Alfred Alquist of San Jose and George Moscone of San Francisco.

Funding discussions are continuing with a number of federal agencies expressing interest in the project. They include the Environmental Protection Agency, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Departments of Agriculture and Interior. California Senator John Tunney has been energetically supporting funding of the project by federal agencies and working closely with San Francisco Supervisor Dianne Feinstein and Berkeley Mayor Warren Widener.

The project would test the use of composted organic wastes for reinforcing levees and raising the level of agricultural islands in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Under the project, 300 tons of garbage a day from San Francisco and Berkeley would be composted at Sierra Point and Berkeley, then barged to Mandeville Island in San Joaquin County. Sewage sludge from San Francisco and the East Bay Municipal Utility District would also be used.

The Bay Delta Board, headed by Oakland Councilman Fred Maggiora, has proposed a county-based intergovernmental structure to provide the local funding and manage the project through ABAG as soon as the required funds are obtained.

RIDES mails carpool matches

More than 21,500 participants have been mailed computer matches in the Bay Area's experimental carpool effort — RIDES for Bay Area Commuters. The carpool program, sponsored by ABAG, the California Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the U. S. Census Bureau, the Federal Highway Administration and private agencies, was developed last winter to meet federal clean air requirements and the energy crisis. The RIDES steering committee is considering ways to provide a long-term carpool program, which would continually update matches for commuters wishing to participate.

Island housing to be discussed

Regional impacts of a major housing development proposal for Bay Farm Island in the City of Alameda will be considered at a joint public discussion this month before ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Work Program Committee and the ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee.

The meeting will be held Wednesday, August 7, at 7:30 P.M. at the City Hall, Santa Clara Avenue and Oak Street, Alameda.

Information will be sought on the proposed development's impact on the Regional Airport Systems Plan, noise and air pollution, the region's housing needs, access to the airport, traffic in Alameda and Oakland, and recreation and park lands. Information about natural hazards at the site will also be sought.

Those wishing to testify should call ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730. Written comments may be submitted before August 31.

Citizen Alliance project chosen

A one-day conference on the economics of the housing market will be the first project co-sponsored by ABAG in its new Citizen Alliance Program, designed to increase opportunities for citizens to participate in regional planning.

The conference will be held in November by the Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing and the Committee for Corporate Responsibility at Stanford University. The focus will be on ways the real estate and development industries can respond to the housing needs of low and moderate income residents in the Bay Area. ABAG's Preliminary Regional Housing Plan will also be discussed.

The conference is the first citizen-designed Citizen Alliance project and was chosen by ABAG's Citizen Services Subcommittee at its July meeting. The subcommittee tentatively chose several other citizen applications for the 1974 phase of the program, and will review those applications in more detail next month.

A map of the 1970 Census tracts in the nine Bay Area counties is available from ABAG at $2.50. The map is one sheet (42" by 106") at a scale of 1:125,000.

Seismic hazard map published

As part of the USGS/HUD/ABAG San Francisco Bay Environment and Resources Planning Study, the following materials are available from the USGS Public Inquiries Office, 555 Battery St., San Francisco 94111:

Circular 690: Seismic Hazards and Land-Use Planning. The 33-page guidebook outlines hazardous earthquake-induced geologic conditions. It also discusses the type of problems these conditions may pose, how to assess degrees of hazards and possible implications for land use.

ABAG, BACHPC to assist counties in emergency medical planning

ABAG and the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council will assist the nine Bay Area counties in emergency medical services planning and implementation activities. The two agencies have been jointly awarded $67,400 in planning funds under section 1202 of the Emergency Medical Services Systems Act of 1973.

The funds will provide planning staff to the County Comprehensive Health Planning Councils in five counties where technical planning assistance is needed: Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Solano and Sonoma. A project director will coordinate the planning efforts in these five counties with implementation activities in Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties.

Emergency medical services systems planning includes not only emergency care facilities planning, but also planning for police and fire rescue services, ambulance services, communications systems, paramedic training and public education.

Current Calendar

Regional Planning Committee ..... Wednesday, August 7, 3:00 P.M.
Bay Farm Island Public Discussion ..... Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 P.M.
Executive Committee ..... Thursday, August 15, 7:00 P.M.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee ..... Friday, August 23, 9:30 A.M.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee ..... Wednesday, August 28, 4:00 P.M.
Regional Planning Committee ..... Wednesday, September 4, 3:00 P.M.
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ABAG may study local governments' revenue problems

ABAG's Executive Committee has asked the staff to prepare a program to study local government revenue systems after presentation of a brief report on local government revenue reform last month.

Interested local officials and citizens may obtain a copy of the report or bibliography by calling ABAG at 841-9730.

The staff report identifies some important criteria and issues regarding possible revenue reforms for the Bay Area. It was prepared by ABAG's Department of Technical Services in response to an Executive Committee request in April.

An appendix in the report discusses several alternative taxing concepts on the basis of general accepted standards of revenue systems, and reviews their impact. Also available is a bibliography on local government costs and revenues.

Bank of America economist to speak at fall General Assembly

R. Gene Conatser, vice president and director of economic research for the Bank of America, will be the keynote speaker for ABAG's annual fall General Assembly.

The General Assembly will be held on the evening of October 30 at the Oakland Hilton Inn. Economic issues surrounding urban growth policies in the Bay Area will be the theme of the General Assembly.

Dr. Conatser became director of economic research in April 1972 after serving one year as head of the bank's long-range planning. He joined Bank of America in 1963 as a research economist. He will speak informally to local officials and citizens who have to deal increasingly over the next few years with the possible economic consequences of alternative development decisions.

R. Gene Conatser

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Growth policy program stresses active participation by local officials

ABAG's next phase of its three-year program for growth policy management includes active participation of local officials from the nine Bay Area counties to help refine projections of the region's population, jobs, housing and urbanized land.

In a program adopted by the General Assembly in October 1973, ABAG's growth policy staff is working to refine a regional growth policy to form a consistent base for actions by local and regional agencies.

Other regional agencies will be asked to base their planning efforts on the assumptions and projections anticipated by ABAG and local governments for the region. Local officials will then have assurance that regional agencies are developing consistent plans, and conflicting impacts of separate regional agency programs on local governments will be reduced.

ABAG has been obtaining detailed responses from local officials to the Series 2 projections, prepared jointly by ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. This review is nearly complete.

MTC will reflect the regional growth framework in its own plans and actions. A number of state and other regional agencies have agreed in principle to coordinated regional growth projections, and ABAG is working toward formal agreements with them.

ABAG is also reviewing the policy implications of growth on key areas of concern. The economic issues of growth will be discussed at the General Assembly next month. Phase I of the Regional Housing Plan will be presented by the Regional Housing Task Force this month. Subsequent reports will deal with impacts of growth on special population groups, government finances and environmental and natural resources.

The growth management program will be completed in three years. By that time a well evaluated working regional framework for growth that reflects local and regional concerns and provides a consistent base for public policy decisions should be in effect. However, the framework will also require continual monitoring and re-evaluation to keep it current.

Two named to seaports committee

President Warren Boggess last month named two city councilmen to a new regional seaport policy committee.

Representing ABAG on the new committee will be Vice President Lenard E. Grote, a Pleasant Hill councilman, and William B. Rumford Jr., a Berkeley councilman. The appointments were confirmed by the Executive Committee.

The new committee will also include policy representatives from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and Bay Area ports. The committee will develop a maritime element for MTC's Regional Transportation Plan.

The Executive Committee also:

reviewed 113 applications during August.

approved a $30,000 contract with Sonoma County to provide land use and related data in a land use and air-and-water-quality study being performed by ABAG under a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

approved a $15,000 contract with the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District to evaluate the air pollution potential of alternative development plans for Sonoma County as part of the ABAG study.

Coastal agreement

ABAG President Warren Boggess, left, and Margaret Azevedo, chairman of the North Central Coastal Commission, sign an agreement that makes ABAG's Regional Ocean Coastline Plan the basis of the commission's planning activities for San Francisco, Marin and Sonoma Counties.

photo by Adela Castro

Executive Committee adopts ocean coastline plan amendments

Amendments to ABAG's Ocean Coastline Plan allowing for increased capacities in two coastal highways were narrowly approved last month by the Executive Committee.

On a 13-11 vote, the plan was amended to call for improvements in Highways 1 and 92 to meet existing regional recreational travel needs. The amendments call for provision of four lanes — two in each direction — for Highway 1 south of Pacifica to Half Moon Bay.

After hearing testimony for two hours, the Executive Committee first rejected by a 10-14 vote support of the recommendation of the Ocean Coastline Planning Committee that the plan amendment period be extended through April 1975 so an interagency study could be conducted of highway needs linked to the coastal area's recreation and population capacity.

The Executive Committee agreed instead to amend the plan as requested by San Mateo County. The county's plans and policies reflect the view that the capacities of two coastal highways have already been exceeded. The county also maintains that extensive developments will be discouraged by local land use regulations.

The coastline plan had said that the coastal highways should be improved for safety reasons, but that highway capacities should not be significantly increased because that would encourage extensive urban development along the coastline.

Following the plan amendments, the Executive Committee agreed that ABAG should participate in the interagency study, which would be completed before a draft environmental impact statement on Highway 1 improvements is ready for public comment. Improvements for Highway 92 are not in the current 10-year program of the California Department of Transportation.

Senate committee kills AB 2040

Assemblyman John Knox's bill to consolidate ABAG with four other regional agencies into a Bay Area Planning Agency was defeated last month in the Senate Local Government Committee.

The committee rejected AB 2040 despite its strong endorsement by local governments throughout the Bay Area. Senator Milton Marks, the committee chairman, said the bill had a "fatal" defect because it did not provide for direct election of the governing board.

AB 2040 provided for the gradual consolidation — by 1979 — of ABAG, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency, the Bay Conservation and Development Commission, and the Bay Air Pollution Control District.

The new agency would have eliminated the current methods of financing the separate agencies, and would have replaced them with a transfer tax not to exceed 40 cents for each $500 of the equity in real estate transactions.

A board of 34 members appointed by local governments would have governed the agency until July 1, 1976. After that, the bill provided for a 50-member board — half appointed by local government and half directly elected.

Although the bill was defeated, the Executive Committee reaffirmed ABAG's policy of attempting to establish a truly comprehensive regional planning agency for the Bay Area. And — in a second vote — Executive Committee members supported the defeated bill, making it clear that local government must be included in a consolidated areawide planning agency to make the agency's planning visible and effective.

Information brochure available

A new ABAG informational brochure and a program capsule describing ABAG's open space program are available from the Public Affairs Department.

The free brochure tells about recent changes in ABAG's organization, and presents a brief but comprehensive review of the agency's activities. Both may be obtained by calling 841-9730.

Coastline committee extended

ABAG's Ocean Coastline Planning Committee, which completed its assignment to conduct a review of proposals to amend the Regional Ocean Coastline Plan, will remain in active and significant ABAG committee for sometime.

The Executive Committee last month approved a recommendation from the coastline committee that its work be extended until the California Coastal Zone Conservation Act expires 91 days after the 1976 legislative session ends.

Councilman Lenard Grote (Pleasant Hill), chairman of the OCPC, said the committee's activities should be extended to help implement the Regional Ocean Coastline Plan.

The committee will also encourage planning coordination between ABAG, the coastal commissions, and other local, regional and state agencies.

Seven students work as summer planning aides on major projects

Seven students from three universities are making special contributions to ABAG planning activities this summer.

The students are working as planning aides in various sections of the ABAG staff. Executive Director Revan Tranter said he is "very pleased" with the students' work.

Eileen Baumgardner, graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley, has been writing a report on federal and state water quality laws. Her work will be used in a major ABAG study in Sonoma County demonstrating ways to link land use planning with air and water quality goals. Robin Bedell, a UC Berkeley graduate, is working on a project to assess the impacts of growth management policies on special population groups such as low-income, minorities, the handicapped and the aged.

Kenneth Hamma, a Stanford University graduate, has been working in the Public Affairs Department. He is doing a survey of local government citizen participation programs and writing program capsules. Barry Munowitch, who graduated from UC Davis, has been assisting in updating the Regional Plan and on last month's public discussion on a proposed major housing development in Alameda.

Thomas Priestley has been developing a new approach to environmental amenities for refining the open space plan. Priestley, who will also work on the Sonoma land use and air-and-water-quality study, is a UC Berkeley graduate student.

Royce Smith, a UC Berkeley graduate, has been assessing the effects of various tax programs, including the state's local property tax limitation program and the half-cent sales tax in the Bay Area Rapid Transit District, and working on local government tax reform proposals. Frank Wong, a graduate student at UC Berkeley, is helping assess the impact of growth management policies on special population groups.

Livermore, Redwood City development issues to be reviewed

The Regional Planning Committee this month will sponsor the first two public meetings under ABAG's new review procedure for assessing development proposals with a potentially significant impact on the region.

A proposal by private developers to amend the Alameda County general plan to allow for a new community of 45,000 persons north of Livermore will be discussed Wednesday, September 4, at 7:30 P.M. at Granada High School, 400 Wall St., Livermore.

The City of Livermore has requested that ABAG consider reviewing the proposed amendment, contending that it is of regional significance and does not conform to the "orderly and rational development of the area."

The second meeting, to be held at the request of the cities of Belmont and San Carlos, will consider the possible regional implications of a major new shopping center in Redwood City. The meeting on the Redwood Shores Shopping Center proposal will be held Wednesday, September 18, at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Ave., Redwood City.

Residents who wish to comment at the meetings should call the ABAG project review staff at 841-9730.

RPC extends island housing development discussion

ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, in cooperation with the ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee and the MTC Work Program Committee, received three hours of comments during a public meeting last month on a major housing development proposed for Bay Farm Island in the City of Alameda. The development may conflict with the expansion of Oakland Airport, as envisioned by the Regional Airport Systems Plan.

Following the lengthy discussion of airport and housing issues and procedural questions, the public meeting was extended to Wednesday, September 4, at 3:00 P.M.

The RPC will then consider a recommendation to the Executive Committee on the regional impact of the proposal and its consistency with ABAG's Regional Plan.

Current Calendar

Regional Planning Committee ..... Wednesday, September 4, 3:00 P.M.
Las Positas Public Discussion ..... Wednesday, September 4, 7:30 P.M.
Redwood Shores Public Discussion ..... Wednesday, September 18, 7:00 P.M.
Citizen Services Subcommittee ..... Thursday, September 19, 4:00 P.M.
Executive Committee ..... Thursday, September 19, 7:30 P.M.
Regional Home Rule Goals Committee ..... Wednesday, September 25, 4:00 P.M.
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Housing task force submits far-reaching Bay Area plan

Bay Area local officials and citizens will review a far-reaching housing plan that will prove highly beneficial to cities and counties seeking community development funds under the Housing and Community Development Act signed in August.

The plan and its supplementary documents contain policies and information required by the new law.

President Warren Boggess named a special review panel to discuss and receive comments on Phase I of the Regional Housing Plan. The plan is the result of two years' work by ABAG's Regional Housing Task Force.

The Executive Committee will be asked in early spring to adopt a plan, following the review by the special panel and ABAG's Regional Planning Committee.

Members of the review panel are Councilman Larry Asera of Vallejo; Margaret Azevedo, Marin County planning commissioner and co-chairperson of the ABAG housing task force; Mayor Ralph Bolin of Napa; Councilwoman Mary Henderson of Redwood City; Aileen Hernandez, San Francisco Housing consultant and member of the task force; William Holsman, San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association; Berkeley Councilwoman Susan Hone; Supervisor James Kenny of Contra Costa County; William Leonard, executive director of the Associated Building Industry; Dean Macris, director of community development in the office of San Francisco Mayor, Joseph Alioto; Herbert Rhodes, chairman of the East Palo Alto Municipal Council; and Councilwoman Susanne Wilson of San Jose.

Councilwoman Wilson will serve as the panel's chairwoman. The review committee will hold its organizational meeting at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10.

The plan recommends that a regional housing allocation system be adopted by ABAG and its member cities and counties. The allocation system would provide that each locality assume its "fair share" of the region's needed low- and moderate-income housing. The system would also be used, the plan suggests, for the distribution of housing subsidies in the region.

It is anticipated that the plan will be a major way for Bay Area communities to qualify for federal assistance under the Housing and Community Development Act. The act mandates areawide clearinghouse review of applications for federal funds for programs covered by the new law. (continued on Page 3)

ABAG will debate complex economic issues of growth management

Local officials from throughout the Bay Area will tackle the economic issues associated with growth management policy at ABAG's annual fall General Assembly this month.

The General Assembly will be held Wednesday, October 30, at the Oakland Hilton Inn. Registration begins at 3:00 p.m.

A proposed resolution on economic development and regional growth management will be discussed during a round table session at 3:35 p.m. An issue paper prepared by ABAG (see chart below) provides background for the discussions.

Dr. R. Gene Conatser, vice president and director of economic research for the Bank of America, will be the keynote speaker following the 6:30 p.m. dinner.

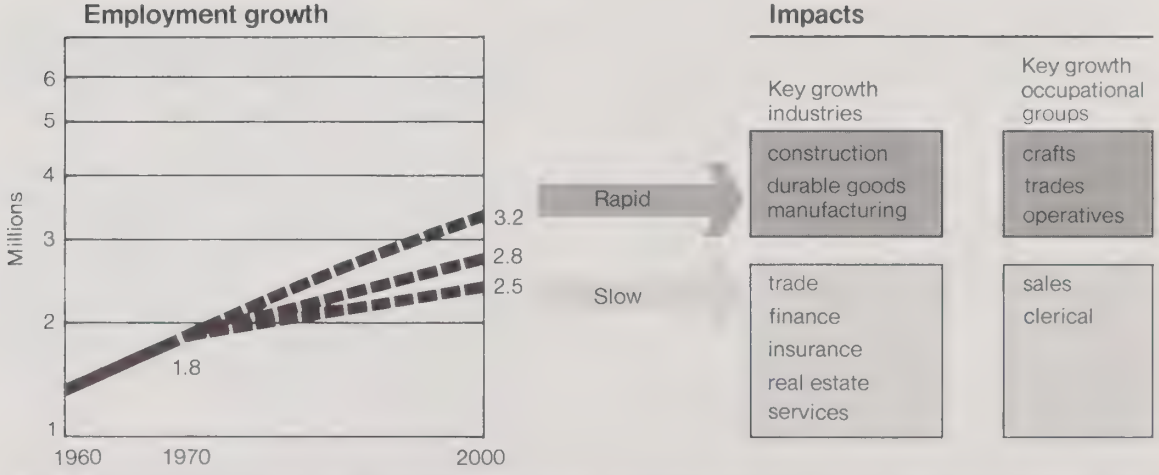
The business session, at which the proposed policy resolution will be discussed, begins at 8:30 p.m.

The resolution identifies a minimum level for economic development, while establishing the principle that public programs inducing in-migration should be evaluated for their contribution to solving social and economic problems. Their likely environmental and natural resources impacts should also be assessed.

The resolution recognizes that growth in jobs and income is not enough to ensure greater access to economic opportunities for disadvantaged population groups. Economic development programs must be related to areas of need through job training, transportation and housing programs.

Impacts of alternative growth rates

San Francisco Bay Region 1970-2000



Major industrial and occupational impacts of alternative regional economic growth rates are displayed. Rapid economic growth (faster in the region than in the U. S. as a whole) would favor durable goods manufacturing and construction, accompanied by high occupational demands for craft, trade and operative workers. A slow growth projection (falling behind national rates) implies increasing importance of non-manufacturing activities such as trade, finance, insurance, real estate and services, with clerical and sales occupations in relatively greater demand. An in-depth discussion of these findings and other issues is provided in Issue Paper No. 5, *Economic Issues in Growth Policy Formulation,* **available for $1 from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.**

ABAG chooses citizen projects

Four citizen-designed projects on regional problems were approved by ABAG's Citizen Services Subcommittee last month to complete the first phase of the 1974-75 Citizen Alliance Program.

The subcommittee agreed to cosponsor a series of workshops to help citizens participate in government, an expedition on clear water creeks, a slide show in Spanish and English on the planning process and a questionnaire-calendar project on environmental concerns and information.

Approved in July by the subcommittee was a conference on "Economics of the Housing Market." The conference will be conducted Saturday, November 16, by ABAG, the Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing and the Committee for Corporate Responsibility at Stanford University.

The Adobe Creek Expedition was held September 28 through Los Altos Hills, Los Altos and Palo Alto. The Committee for Green Foothills will prepare a how-to-do-it report and creek atlas so other citizen groups may sponsor similar creek walks in the region.

ABAG will help Economic and Social Opportunities, Inc., of Santa Clara County produce a slide show on planning for use in the region. The slide show will be in English and Spanish.

The Friends Committee on Legislation will put on a series of workshops beginning November 9 called "Making the System Work for You." The workshops are designed to increase citizens' effectiveness in regional planning.

ABAG will mail a questionnaire and sample calendar on environmental events to citizen groups in the Bay Area as the final 1974 Citizen Alliance project. The project is jointly sponsored by the Northern California Committee on Environmental Information and the Berkeley Ecology Center.

Housing plan submitted

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The act also provides that local communities must have community development plans prepared in accordance with areawide development planning and national urban growth policies to qualify for grants covered by the act. They must also adopt housing elements and land use elements if they wish to receive traditional planning assistance funds.

Cities and counties are also required to adopt a housing assistance plan indicating the general locations of proposed housing for low- and moderate-income persons if they wish to apply for community development funds (including funds for open space, basic water and sewer programs, neighborhood facilities, urban renewal and Model Cities).

Rose nominated for panel on aging

Oakland City Councilman Joshua R. Rose has been nominated by ABAG for membership on the new statewide advisory council of the California Commission on Aging.

President Boggess' nomination of Councilman Rose was confirmed by the Executive Committee last month.

The Executive Committee also:

reviewed 46 applications during September.

authorized a contract with the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District once the proposal is approved by the district's board. ABAG will receive $20,000 in the proposed work program to improve the capacity of the two agencies to analyze the potential for and consequences of alternative industrial development patterns in the Bay Area.

authorized a contract with the Bay Area Sewage Services Agency after the proposal is approved by BASSA's board. The $15,000 work program would improve the capacity of ABAG and BASSA to relate small area population forecasts to the size of sewage facilities.

EPA parking management plan to be reviewed

Parking management plans and related procedures for review of indirect sources of air pollution will be reviewed by the Environmental Protection Agency at public hearings this month.

The hearings will be conducted at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 17, in the Franciscan Room of the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell St., San Francisco.

EPA is encouraging comments on the two proposals. The parking management plan is designed by EPA to be part of a transportation control plan for achievement of air quality standards.

Because of the likely effects of EPA regulations on local government, it is anticipated that ABAG will play an increasing role in air quality management in the Bay Area.

Current Calendar

Housing Plan Review Committee ..... Thursday, October 10, 1:30 p.m.
Bay Delta Resources Recovery Board ..... Wednesday, October 16, 9:30 a.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee ..... Friday, October 25, 9:30 a.m.
General Assembly ..... Wednesday, October 30, 3:00 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee ..... Wednesday, November 6, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee ..... Wednesday, November 6, 3:00 p.m.
Citizen Effectiveness Workshop ..... Saturday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.
Executive Committee ..... Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Market Conference ..... Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.
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'Capacity building' partnership project begun

An ambitious intergovernmental partnership to design new ways to plan and deliver human services is being undertaken by ABAG and other governmental and private groups.

The partnership is called "capacity building," and will focus on human services such as employment, health, education, and supportive activities.

Coordinated federal grants have been made to ABAG, the League of California Cities, the County Supervisors Association of California and the Western Regional Citizens Participation Council. The Western Federal Regional Council, the State of California and private social service organizations also will be key participants.

ABAG's project is funded through the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, using funds provided by the federal Office of Economic Opportunity. The project's overall interest is to enhance the

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Skyrocketing housing costs to be explored at conference

Problems of a housing industry in a deep slump, and the economics of today's housing market, will be discussed at a conference at Stanford University this month.

The conference is sponsored by ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program, the Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing, and the Committee for Corporate Responsibility at Stanford. It will be held at Bishop Auditorium at the university from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

A television documentary describing the economic barriers to finding housing in the suburbs will be shown.

Mrs. Richard W. Lyman, an MCFH board member, will relate the points of the film to the Bay Area. New housing, tight money, and skyrocketing costs will be discussed by a panel of business representatives. Panel members are L. B. Nelson, board chairman, L. B. Nelson Corp.; Jack Wheatley, president of Wheatly-Jacobsen, Inc., General Contractors; and C. E. McCarthy, vice president, Bank of America, San Francisco.

Following a box lunch — which costs $2 — a second panel will discuss conservation of existing housing stock. The panel includes Louis Goldsmith, board member of the Palo Alto Housing Corp.; Andy Anderson, assistant vice president for urban affairs, Bank of America, San Francisco; and Mary Widener, director of Oakland Neighborhood Housing Services.

ABAG's Regional Housing Plan and a housing funds allocation model will be discussed by William Holsman, a San Francisco attorney and member of ABAG's Regional Housing Task Force.

San Mateo County Assemblyman Dixon Arnett will summarize recent state legislation, and Mayor Norman Mineta of San Jose will discuss the new role of the federal government.

Advance registration may be made with the Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing, 457 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto. Information is available from MCFH at 327-1718, or ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

Housing plan discussions

Public comments on ABAG's Regional Housing Plan, developed by the Regional Housing Task Force, will be sought at four meetings scheduled in the next three months.

The first meeting to review the plan will be held at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 7 at Napa High School, 2475 Jefferson St., Napa.

Other meetings are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21 at the main Oakland Library; 7:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in the Santa Clara County Auditorium, 1555 Berger Drive, San Jose; and 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at Firemen's Fund American Life Insurance Co., 3333 California Street, San Francisco.

ABAG/MTC agreement signed

The 1974-75 interagency agreement between ABAG and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission has been signed by Executive Director Revan Tranter and MTC Executive Director Paul Watt. The agreement provides ABAG with $450,000 this year and continues the joint planning activities for another year.

The work of the two agencies will include a review of MTC's Regional Transportation Plan for possible amendments to ABAG's Regional Plan. Amendments may also be recommended to the transportation plan based on ABAG's update of its plan.

ABAG focuses on new roles in human services planning, delivery

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capacity of Bay Area governments in their assumption of new human service responsibilities.

ABAG's *Regional Plan* urges that "all levels of government and the private sector should seek to identify and meet existing (human resources) problems and to create opportunities for all citizens of the region." It also declares that ABAG "should explore and develop regional policies for human resources development."

The investment of federal funds in the "capacity building" venture anticipates development by summer of 1975 of an action strategy describing the federal, state, county, city, regional and citizen roles in human services planning and delivery. New local intergovernmental arrangements and communication on the local and regional levels have become increasingly important as federal trends move funding, authority and responsibility to the community level.

ABAG's capacity building project has these first-year objectives:

- analyze and define the appropriate future role for ABAG in the planning, evaluation and delivery of human services in the region
- design, define and recommend a workable, comprehensive regional human service planning process, including identification of those human services of regional importance that should become the ingredients of a regional plan
- develop and recommend human service A-95 review criteria as well as ABAG's capacity to carry out its areawide clearinghouse functions

The project plays a fundamental role in ABAG's Human Services Division, formed just 14 months ago. Division Chief is Bess-anderson McNeil, who joined ABAG in November 1973. Ms. McNeil, who has a Master of Public Health degree from the University of California at Berkeley, previously was a health planner for U. C. San Francisco.

Other major Human Services Division projects include employment planning for better coordination between employment training programs and job availability, health planning with the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council to assist counties in developing component parts of a regional plan for emergency medical services, and criminal justice planning in cooperation with county criminal justice planning boards to improve coordination among criminal justice systems in the region.

BAC hosts government meeting

The Bay Area Council's second conference on business-government relations in the Bay Area will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at the Hilton Hotel in San Francisco.

Speakers include former Treasury Secretary George P. Schultz, now executive vice president of Bechtel Corp. and Stanford University professor; Paul W. McCracken, professor of business administration at the University of Michigan and consultant to President Ford; Edmund W. Littlefield, board chairman and chief executive officer of Utah International, Inc.; H. J. Haynes, board chairman of Standard Oil Co. of California; B. F. Biaggini, president of Southern Pacific Co.; Louis B. Lundborg, retired board chairman of Bank of America; and Eugene E. Trefethen Jr., director and retired president, Kaiser Industries.

ABAG is a cooperating sponsor for the conference. Registration is $36 a person, and may be made with the Bay Area Council at 981-6405.

Executive Committee new faces

Councilman James E. Jackson of Cupertino has been appointed an alternate on ABAG's Executive Committee. Jackson is alternate to Councilman Rodney J. Diridon of Saratoga, who succeeded Mayor John Lochner of Los Gatos as the regular representative of Santa Clara County's cities.

Workshop dates changed

Four workshops designed to increase citizens' effectiveness in regional planning have been postponed by the Friends Committee on Legislation until January.

The workshops were originally scheduled for this month and December.

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ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Wednesday, November 6, 1:00 p.m.
Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, November 6, 3:00 p.m.
Housing Plan Public Discussion	Thursday, November 7, 7:30 p.m.
Executive Committee	Thursday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Housing Market Conference	Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.
Bay Area Outlook Conference	Wednesday, November 20, 8:45 a.m.
Housing Plan Public Discussion	Thursday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee	Monday, November 25, 9:30 a.m.
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Will parking management choke local government?

Proposed federal traffic and parking controls and their impacts on local government in the Bay Area will be discussed this month at a conference at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley.

The conference topic is "The Noose Around Air Pollution: Will It Choke Local Government?" The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5.

David Calkins, chief of the air planning branch of the Environmental Protection Agency, will outline EPA's indirect source and parking management regulations. He and Patricia Sanderson Port, an urban planner for EPA, will explain why parking management and traffic controls are needed.

Other participants in the panel discussion include George Hagevik, chief of ABAG's Environmental Resources Division; Paul Bay, deputy executive director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission; and Milton Feldstein, deputy air pollution control officer of the Bay Area Air Pollution Control District. The three will discuss

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General Assembly adopts economic development policy

A policy resolution identifying a minimum level for economic development in the San Francisco Bay Area was unanimously adopted by the General Assembly in October.

The resolution, amended several times as the result of afternoon roundtable discussions, declared that the total number of jobs in the region should match the total resident labor force as it naturally increases to the year 2000.

Under the current expected rates of natural increase, this rate would be 1 percent a year, leading to a regional population of 6 million persons supported by 2.6 million jobs in the year 2000.

The resolution establishes the principle that public programs should be evaluated for their contribution to solving social and economic problems. Their likely environmental and natural resources impacts must be assessed. The resolution also recognizes that growth in jobs and income is not enough to ensure greater access to economic opportunities for disadvantaged population groups.

Economic development programs must be related to areas of need through job training, transportation and housing programs.

ABAG is committed by the resolution to further analyses of economic trends, alternatives and impacts of economic development actions. ABAG also will examine and recommend innovative methods for sharing of fiscal resources resulting from major development proposals.

Housing applications wanted

Local governments planning to apply for assistance under the new Housing and Community Development Act may speed their application by submitting early drafts of applications to ABAG.

ABAG is required under the law to review all applications from the Bay Area, and may take 45 days for formal comment. It is hoped, however, that review time will be shortened if cities submit application drafts so that technical work can be completed early.

Already the cities of Hayward, Pittsburg and Richmond have submitted early drafts of their community development applications, and this will speed up ABAG's review of their final applications.

Economist urges regional 'defense'

Local government officials can do very little about problems in the economy and should be concerned with protecting and bolstering jobs and industries the Bay Area already has, a noted Bay Area economist told delegates to ABAG's General Assembly.

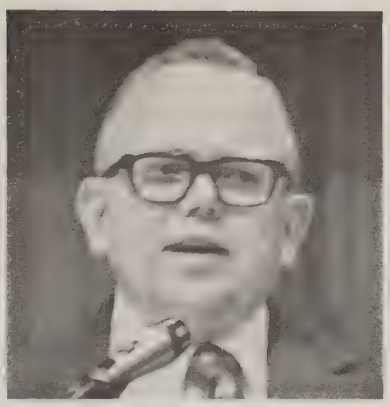
The Bay Area — like almost every other region in the country — has serious problems with inflation and unemployment, said Dr. R. Gene Conatser, vice president and director of economic research for the Bank of America.

"Unemployment is going to get worse, and hopefully the inflation problem is not going to get much worse but is not likely to be much better in the short run," he told an audience of 200 elected and appointed officials and citizens.

Conatser urged elected officials to adopt a defensive strategy for economic development in the Bay Area during the current period of economic instability.

He said this kind of strategy means helping the industries and businesses that already exist in the Bay Area to survive and expand rather than seeking relocation of industries from other parts of the country.

President Boggess



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ABAG's General Assembly:

'Economics and Growth'

Panel discusses policy resolution

Local officials register, use computer display

Hearing procedures extended

An interim review procedure for development proposals with a potentially significant impact on the region was extended until Dec. 31 by the Executive Committee.

The Regional Planning Committee recommended the extension because only two meetings have been conducted under the procedures and one review has not been completed.

Using the existing procedures, one of the RPC hearing boards recommended that no formal review be conducted of the proposed Redwood Shores shopping center in Redwood City. The Executive Committee concurred in the recommendation and findings by the hearing board.

Parking conference planned

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agency responsibilities in reducing air pollution and how local governments will be affected by emerging air pollution programs in the Bay Area.

Napa County Supervisor John Tuteur, vice chairman of ABAG's Regional Planning Committee, will provide background information. The program also includes participation by City Councilman Louise Giersch of Antioch, Pittsburg City Councilman Earl MacIntyre and Oakland City Planning Director Norman J. Lind.

The workshop, which costs $15, is cosponsored by the Institute for Local Self-Government, the League of California Cities and the County Supervisors' Association of California, assisted by ABAG, MTC and BAAPCD.

Further information is available from the Institute at 841-4044 or ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

ABAG seeks citizen projects

Bay Area citizen organizations that wish to expand their involvement in regional planning must submit applications for ABAG's Citizen Alliance Program by Dec. 16.

More than 2,500 citizen groups from throughout the Bay Area are eligible to participate in the program's next phase.

The Citizen Alliance Program allocates $8,000 for in-kind staff support to help established citizen organizations hold public meetings, conferences, conventions, and seminars on issues of regional significance. Communication tools such as printed information, service directories, issue papers or assistance with media presentations are also eligible for support under the program.

Further information on the program may be obtained from ABAG's Public Affairs Department.

Mayor appointed to task force

Brisbane Mayor Anja Miller was appointed by President Warren Boggess to the Regional Open Space Task Force. The appointment was confirmed by the Executive Committee.

The task force is supervising the preparation of Phase III of the Regional Open Space Plan on areas of critical environmental concern.

The Executive Committee also:

reviewed 69 applications during November.
approved the addition to the Regional Plan of policies and a description of the Bay Area's transportation system from the Regional Transportation Plan of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.
approved including representatives from general aviation airports and from the Bay Conservation and Development Commission on the ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee.

Health planning grant awarded

A $255,000 contract to improve health planning in the nine San Francisco Bay Area counties has been awarded to ABAG and the Bay Area Comprehensive Health Planning Council.

The contract was awarded by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It will enable the two regional agencies to develop improved planning techniques as well as methods for forecasting health services needs by linking needs and facilities to population growth and distribution projections.

The program will also measure the transportation accessibility of specific populations such as the elderly, minorities and low-income persons to certain facilities such as hospitals, clinics and preventive health care services.

Program capsules available

Program capsules summarizing three major elements of ABAG's comprehensive planning program are now available from ABAG's Public Affairs Department at 841-9730.

One program capsule describes the goals of ABAG's housing program, and includes a summary of the work of ABAG's Regional Housing Task Force in preparing Phase I of the Regional Housing Plan.

A second program capsule describes the citizen participation program of ABAG, including a description of the Citizen Alliance Program which is designed to increase citizen involvement in regional planning.

The third program capsule available is a five-page description of ABAG's activities as an areawide clearinghouse. It also summarizes the A-95 Circular issued by the Office of Management and Budget.

Committees will be reorganized

A major reorganization of ABAG committees to improve internal coordination and increase policy input from local elected officials was approved last month by the Executive Committee.

The new committee plan includes a Regional Delegates Forum (composed of ABAG representatives to other regional agencies and Executive Committee members who serve on boards of other regional agencies) and a Work Program and Coordination Committee to ensure improved relationships among committees.

The Regional Home Rule Goals Committee is renamed the Legislation & Governmental Organization Committee, and the Finance & Personnel and Citizen Services Subcommittees become full committees.

ABAG's Executive Committee will be renamed the Executive Board if approved at the General Assembly in February. Another bylaws amendment would create the office of Immediate Past President, who would serve on the Executive Board.

Waste disposal map published

As part of the USGS/HUD/ABAG San Francisco Bay Environment and Resources Planning Study, the following materials are available from the USGS Public Inquiries Office, 555 Battery St., San Francisco, CA, 94111:

Interpretive Report No. 6: Evaluating Pollution Potential of Land-Based Waste Disposal, Santa Clara County (Water Resources Investigation, 31-73, 1:62,500). Two map sheets and a 21-page text discuss how earth science data can help in analyzing pollution and waste-disposal problems in land use planning.

Group formed to recommend agency consolidation policies

A working group of regional agency chairmen and executive officers is being formed to make recommendations to Bay Area regional agencies on agency consolidation and regional planning legislation.

The Executive Committee last month authorized President Warren Boggess and Executive Director Revan Tranter to continue their strong efforts to develop recommendations on new regional planning legislation with other agencies by February.

Assemblyman John Knox of Richmond and State Senator Milton Marks of San Francisco are both considering the introduction of bills to consolidate regional agencies. Knox's bill to consolidate five agencies — including ABAG — was killed last summer in the Senate Committee on Local Government.

Current Calendar

Regional Planning Committee	Wednesday, December 4, 3:00 p.m.
Air Pollution Conference	Thursday, December 5, 8:30 a.m.
Regional Open Space Task Force	Thursday, December 12, 3:30 p.m.
Housing Plan Public Discussion	Thursday, December 12, 7:30 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Joint Policy Committee	Saturday, December 14, 9:00 a.m.
Citizen Services Subcommittee	Thursday, December 19, 4:00 p.m.
Executive Committee	Thursday, December 19, 7:30 p.m.
ABAG/MTC Regional Airport Planning Committee	Friday, December 27, 9:30 a.m.

Some meetings subject to change. Please confirm by phone if you plan to attend.

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